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Fatality Collision Involving Washington State Patrol Trooper on SR 18

At 2:27am a 2005, Ford Focus was traveling eastbound on SR 18 just east of SR 169. An unmarked, WSP Chevy Impala was traveling westbound in the same area. The Focus crossed the centerline and struck the Impala head-on in the westbound lane.

The driver of the Focus, a 36 year old female, was deceased at the scene. The Trooper driving the Impala sustained a broken ankle and was transported to Harborview. He has been released and is resting at home.

The 36 year old Trooper is assigned to the Bellevue District Office and is an eight year veteran of the WSP.

The collision is still under investigation. Alcohol is suspected as a factor in this collision.

Next of kin has not been notified.

Anyone who has any information concerning this collision is encouraged to call Detective Sergeant Cooper at 360.805.1192.

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